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NEWS BRIEFS

Commander's call

The next 2d Mission Support Group Commander's Call is Thursday at 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the base theater.

Farewell party

Col. Carpenter's going-away party takes place Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. The theme will be Mardi Gras and dress will be Sunday casual. For more information, contact 2d Lt. Cyrena Wooster at 456-1805.

Chief induction ceremony

The Barksdale Chief's Group hosts the Chief Induction Ceremony on Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. in the enlisted club. The guest speaker is retired Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Black. Attendance is by invitation only. For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Raymond Zackery at 456-6356.

DUI UPDATE

Last DUI: 2d Communications Squadron

Total DUI's this year to date: 1
Total Alcohol Related Incidents: 6
Total DUI's for 2003: 50

33 Active Duty,

27 were rank of Staff Sergeant or below

Airmen Against Drunk Driving
456-3344

WEEKEND WEATHER

Courtesy 26th Operational Weather Squadron

Today
Mostly Cloudy



H 55
L 44

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy



H 47
L 36

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy



H 47
L 34

Gate operational



Senior Airman Andrea Knudson/Observer

The new Shreveport Gate opened Monday, easing traffic flow on base during peak times. The recessed gate allows more traffic to safely enter the base from the intersection in front of the gate

Act protects military people's rights

BY ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — A new law replacing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 provides servicemembers greater protections to handle personal financial and legal obligations, officials said.

President Bush signed the Service Members' Civil Relief Act into law Dec. 19.

"The focus of the (new act) is the same as under the SSCRA: To provide protections to servicemembers who have difficulty meeting their personal financial and legal obligations because of their military service," said Lt. Col. Patrick Lindemann, deputy director for legal policy in the office of the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

This is significant, because it clarifies and updates SSCRA provisions and adds some protections.

"Servicemembers on long-term deployments, or called to active duty, should not have to worry about their families in their absence being evicted from their quarters without sufficient legal protections, or that they are paying on a leased car or apart-

ment that they can't use, or about civil legal proceedings they can't attend because of their deployment," he said.

"These are some of the situations the SCRA covers so that servicemembers are able to devote their energies to the military mission and the defense needs of the nation, and not on civil matters waiting for them at home," he said.

An automatic 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application by the servicemember is what Col. Lindemann called "a significant change" in the new act. This applies to all judicial and administrative hearings. Previously, stays were discretionary with the courts.

The new relief act also makes it clear the 6-percent limitation on interest rates for pre-service debts requires a reduction in monthly payments, and any interest in excess of 6 percent is forgiven, not deferred, Col. Lindemann said.

The SCRA also expanded the protection against eviction. Under the SSCRA, servicemembers and their family who entered into a lease for \$1,200 or less could not be evicted without a court order. This amount is increased to \$2,400 and added an annual inflation adjustment. For 2004, the maximum will be \$2,465, significant-

ly increasing the number of servicemembers entitled to this protection, Colonel Lindemann said.

The new relief act also gives the servicemember who has received permanent change-of-station orders or who is being deployed for 90 days or more the right to terminate a housing lease with 30 days' written notice. Before, servicemembers could be required to pay for housing they were unable to occupy.

One of the more significant new provisions is an added protection for motor-vehicle leases. Any active-duty servicemember who has received PCS orders outside the continental United States, or who is being deployed for 180 days or more, may terminate a motor-vehicle lease. The law prohibits early termination charges.

"Now, servicemembers won't have to pay monthly lease payments for a car they can't use," Col. Lindemann said.

"Servicemembers may not always realize all the protections they have under the law," Col. Lindemann said. "If servicemembers have questions about the SCRA or the protections that they may be entitled to, they should contact their unit judge advocate or installation legal assistance officer for further assistance."

NEWS BRIEFS**Earring policy**

Earrings are not authorized for active duty men in uniform on or off base; nor are they authorized for active duty men in civilian attire on base. Reserve personnel when not on duty are authorized.

Team 56

The next Team 56 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. All technical sergeants, staff sergeants and staff-selects are encouraged to attend.

MLK celebration

The 2d Bomb Wing celebrates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Thursday at 10 a.m. at Chapel 2 with a reception immediately following.

Tuskegee chapter induction

The Roscoe C. Brown chapter was recently chartered by the National chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, and is having an induction ceremony Jan. 23 with an original Tuskegee Airman as the guest speaker.

For more information, contact Maj. Rod Haley at 456-2845 or Capt. Candice Pipes at 456-2345.

Closures

The 2d Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight closes every Friday for in-house training. No transactions will take place during this time. Personnel need to ensure coordination at other times or days. Questions can be directed to Master Sgt. Chandler at 456-2058.

The 2d BW Contracting Office will be closed from noon to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23 for a squadron function.

The 2d Munitions Squadron conventional munitions storate area closes next week for a wall-to-wall inventory in preparation for the upcoming inspection.

All munitions custodians need to ensure their organization has munitions required for this week in advance and that any turn-ins are done prior.

No transactions will take place during this week. Flight schedulers simply need to coordinate with their respective munitions custodians.

South Gate hours

Due to the extended hours of operations for the new East Gate, the South Gate has revert to limited hours of operations. The South Gate is now open weekdays only from 6 to 8 a.m. for in-bound traffic, and 3:30 to 6 p.m. for out-bound traffic.

JAG has opportunities for AF members seeking law degree

By J. MANNY GUENDULAY

OBSERVER

Company grade officers who desire to pursue the Judge Advocate career field will have a chance from now to March through two government programs that assist officers through law school.

Applications for the FY 2004 Funded Legal Education Program and Excess Leave Program are being accepted through March 1. Applicants must have completed all application forms and applied to a law school that has been accredited by the American Bar Association; however, acceptance into the school is not required at time of application.

Prospective students must also schedule, take and receive their Law School Admissions Test results and complete a staff judge advocate interview by March 1.

The FLEP program is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force officers. FLEP applicants must have no less than two years, and no more than six years active-duty service (enlisted or commissioned) prior to entry into law school. FLEP applicants must also be in the pay grade of O-3 or below as of the first day of law school.

The ELP program is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers. ELP applicants must have no less than two years, and no more than ten years of active-duty service prior to entering law school.

Additionally, ELP applicants must be in the pay grade of O-3 (with less than three years in grade) or below as of the first day of law school.

Both the FLEP and ELP programs require attendance at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law before any state's highest court or a federal court, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates.

Judge Advocates play a crucial role in mission readiness and senior officers often seek advice as they make key decisions about the lives of active duty personnel and the millions of dollars en-

trusted to their budgets.

Along with these duties, Judge Advocates also litigate court martials, handle contracts, medical malpractices and assist airmen with deployment preparation and legal matters.

Lt. Col. Charlie Williamson, 2d Bomb Wing Judge Advocate, enjoys the great opportunities of working in the career field.

"First, it's working with superb people. The lawyers and paralegals in every JAG office are competitively selected and it shows. Second, I love the diversity of our practice. [Monday], I dealt with issues in tort, environmental permitting, federal contracting and military justice. I have the opportunity to touch dozens of different issues every week, with local and national impact," said the colonel.

Lt. Col. Williamson did not join the Air Force as a member of JAG, but instead started as an engineer. He became interested in the career field after reading a newspaper article about aid programs.

From there, he entered law school, and was eventually selected to participate in the two highly competitive aid programs.

For those interested in joining the career field, Col. Williamson offers the following advice:

"Call the legal office for a time when you can visit and talk about life as an attorney and as a JAG. Study hard and get good grades and if your undergraduate grades were not as high as you wanted, consider taking a grad school course. Work hard for the Air Force and do great things, on and off the job. Also, visit the

Law School Admissions Council website (<http://www.lsac.org/>) for information on the Law School Admissions Test," recommended Lt. Col. Williamson.

"There are four critical components to being selected as a JAG: a strong academic career, regardless of major, a good score on the Law School Aptitude Test, a strong military career, regardless of career field and, finally, a successful Staff Judge Advocate interview. This will likely go very well if you have the other three items covered," the colonel added.

Candidate selection is based on the "whole person concept" and is extremely competitive.

During FY 03 the average selectee's Law School Admissions Test score was in the 83rd percentile. The average undergraduate grade point average was 3.5.

"We are always looking for FLEP/ELP applicants - the program provides an opportunity to continue serving the Air Force in addition to the opportunity to become a JAG," said Capt. Theresa Bruno, chief of recruiting and accessions branch in the Office of the Judge Advocate General.

More information about the FLEP/ELP programs can be found in AFI 51-101, Chapters 2 and 3.

For more information and an application, either contact Capt. Bruno at Theresa.bruno@pentagon.af.mil, call (800) JAG-USAF, or visit www.jag-usaf.hq.af.mil. For more local information about FLEP/ELP, or about the Judge Advocate career field, contact Maj. Dan Higgins at 456-5324.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Homeschool meeting

The monthly homeschool parent meeting is set for Tuesday at the Chapel 1 Annex at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mary Ogden at 742-2431.

Medal availability

The Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary medals and the Air and Space Campaign medals are available in the Retiree Activities Office when they are authorized on records. Air and Space Campaign Medals are being recorded on most personnel records.

For more information, call the RAO at 456-5976 or 456-4480.

First Four Airmen

The next First Four Airmen's Association meeting is Jan. 28 at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. Contact Airmen 1st Class Derek Williams, 2d Munitions Squadron at 456-3259.

Babysitters needed

The Officer Spouse's Club is looking for volunteers to baby-sit the second Wednesday of each month between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please contact Lin Schrader at 752-4097.

Toastmasters meeting

Toastmasters is an international organization dedicated to improving speaking, listening and leadership skill through practice. Meetings provide an opportunity for attendees to speak in front of the group during each meeting, practice various speaking skills and become more comfortable with public speaking.

Toastmasters also helps build leadership skills and instill confidence. Conquerors Toastmasters, the name of the Barksdale chapter, is open to anyone, regardless of current public speaking experience and membership is free. They meet every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the enlisted club private dining room. For more information, call 1st Lt. Jason Kalman at 456-2124, Tech. Sgt. Leonard Merk at 456-4600 or 2d Lt. Michelle Taylor at 456-3195. Log onto www.toastmaster.org to learn more about the international organization.

PROMOTIONS

Promotion Sequence Numbers for January 2004

Chief Master Sergeant
0001 — 0050

Senior Master Sergeant
1212 — 1347

Master Sergeant
1830 — 2187

Technical Sergeant
2606 — 3131

Staff Sergeant
4829 — 5842

20th BS participates in CAS exercise; training adds to success in combat

BY AIRMAN JUSTASIA LEHMANN
OBSERVER

The 20th Bomb Squadron recently participated in a close air support exercise with the 1st Air Support Operations Squadron from Baumholder Air, Germany.

The objective was to validate and verify procedures and allow the ground controllers and aircrew practical application of the procedures.

"The 20 BS focuses on CAS training one week out of each month," said Capt. Peter Terrebone, assistant flight commander, 20th Bomb Squadron.

Capt. Terrebone said that the exercise included aircrew and ground personnel such as an Army Unit, an Air Force Air Liaison Officer, Special Forces, Air Force Combat Controllers, and Air Force Tactical Air Control Parties participating in the exercises.

It is a 100 percent participation requirement for aircrew, said the captain. "We exercise with the broadest spectrum of assets available."

CAS is air action by fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft against hostile targets in close proximity to friendly forces. It requires detailed integration of each air mission with the fire and movement of those forces.

"We execute the procedures from the new Joint Publication 3-09.3 Joint Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Close Air Support. This allows all participants to operate from the same sheet of music," said Capt. Terrebone.

Two B-52s flew out of Barksdale to the Utah Test and Training Range to hone their war fighting skills for four days.

Upon arrival, communications were established between the B-52s and a TACP on the ground.

The TACP then directed B-52s on-

to emerging targets, such as convoys, troop formations and surface-to-air missile systems. Crews demonstrated the flexible capabilities of the B-52 by employing multiple weapons.

The exercise allowed the crews to hone their skills for missions in the aircraft.

"During OEF and OIF, the B-52 played a key role in CAS missions. Because of possible future conflicts, we train routinely to ensure that we answer the call with the amount of success necessary to achieve the objective," said Capt. Terrebone.

"The United States military is extremely fortunate to be able to train like we fight. If not for the ability to train like the 20 BS did last week, our successes in combat would come at a greater cost. It's the ability to spread our wings and discover our full capabilities that keeps us ahead of the enemy."

Airmen escape minefield unharmed



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Michael Klinkert (right) and Airman 1st Class Christopher Coble were driving this heavily armored Humvee at about 8 p.m. Jan. 5 when they entered an unmarked minefield in Afghanistan.

BY TECH. SGT. BRIAN DAVIDSON
455TH EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS GROUP PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AFPN) — Two security forces airmen on patrol along the base perimeter here Jan. 5 were rescued two hours after becoming trapped in an unmarked minefield.

Staff Sgt. Michael Klinkert and Airman 1st Class Christopher Coble

were in a heavily armored Humvee at about 8 p.m., when six explosions rocked the vehicle, disabling it and blowing up the passenger-side tires.

The airmen, both 455th Expeditionary Operations Group security forces specialists deployed from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., were not injured.

After waiting about two hours, a mine-clearing vehicle was sent in to extract them.

The airmen relied on their training

to keep a bad situation from getting worse as they waited, stranded remarkably close to the base perimeter wire. Sergeant Klinkert climbed into the vehicle's gun turret and using his Global Positioning System, called in their exact position. Meanwhile, Airman Coble assessed their supplies.

"Our biggest (concern was) making sure no one entered the area," Sergeant Klinkert said. "In the dark, it would have been easy for someone else to stumble on the minefield."

Sergeant Klinkert's fears almost became a reality when a Marine who was patrolling the area began to approach the Humvee.

"I yelled for him to stay back," he said. "At first, he didn't understand, but he got the message and backed off. We were able to keep others out of the area until we were rescued by the Army engineers."

Security forces members guarded the area until morning. Just after first light, de-mining experts from the 41st Engineering Battalion, B Company, arrived at the scene with heavily armored de-mining vehicles to clear the area and recover the damaged Humvee.

"Looking at the damage to the vehicle, it's obvious that the outcome would have been grim if we hadn't been in an 'up-armored' Humvee," Airman Coble said.

Up-armored Humvees have ballistic-resistant glass and armor added to the sides, bottom and top.

Three base members selected for OTS, share feelings about upcoming challenge

BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANDREA KNUDSON
OBSERVER

Deciding to join the military may be one of the biggest decisions a person makes in their life. For some it's a sense of patriotism. For others it's simply a family tradition.

Deciding to be an officer assumes a distinct commitment accepting a different kind of responsibility.

The following Barksdale members were recently selected to join the officer ranks: Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Westerman, 8th Air Force Protocol, Staff Sgt. Timothy Plante, 2d Maintenance Squadron, and Senior Airman Israel Abensur, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The selectees' individual backgrounds and particulars for becoming an officer vary, but their collective goal is to serve honorably in the Air Force.

"Ever since I was a young man I wanted to become an officer in the world's greatest Air Force, follow my family footsteps," said Amn Abensur. "I was really excited when I found out."

"I would like to lead and pass on all the mentorship that I have received from leaders I've observed in my Air Force career," said Sgt. Westerman, who is NCOIC at Protocol. "What we do in the Air Force is amazing."

Having served in the enlisted side of the house, the new selectees feel they have an extra something to bring to the table.

"The enlisted corps has given me the experience and leadership skills needed to better serve as an officer," said Sgt. Plante. "I feel I can easily adapt to future challenges presented to me as an officer."

"My enlisted term was definitely a stepping-stone because it taught me how

to become a better leader," said Amn Abensur.

According to their supervisors, the new selectees already possess the qualities of a good officer and will make great leaders.

"Sergeant Plante has honed his leadership skills as an airman and as an NCO," said Master Sgt. Jim Prymek, 2 MXS. "He adds professionalism to everything he does and has a talent to motivate people under all situations."

"Airman Abensur defines integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do," said Tech. Sgt. Albert Pierre, 2 LRS. "I would follow him."

In addition to praise from their supervisors, the new selectees received encouragement and support from family and friends.

"My wife has been my biggest supporter through school and my application

process and without her encouragement, I would have never accomplished any of this," said Sgt. Westerman. "My kids just want to know where we are moving next."

What advice would the new selectees offer their fellow enlisted comrades who may find themselves contemplating their own destinies and the possible leap to the officers' ranks?

"The earlier that you decide the better and don't let anyone stop you from your goals," Sgt. Plante added.

The selectees finished their degrees in Professional Aeronautics with Embry-Riddle and will attend Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Both Sgt. Westerman and Sgt. Plante were selected in the Aircraft Maintenance field, and Airman Abensur will serve as an officer in the Space and Missile capacity.

Rumsfeld outlines priorities, goals for 2004

BY DONNA MILES
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — The global war on terrorism will remain the Defense Department's top priority in the new year, as DoD continues to focus on improving and modernizing its programs, systems and forces to make them more responsive to 21st century requirements.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said today during his first Pentagon briefing in 2004 that the department already has made "remarkable progress" and will continue its work to "strengthen, improve and transform our forces, modernize and restructure programs and commands... and streamline DoD processes and procedures."

Secretary Rumsfeld laid out an ambitious list of initiatives, many already under way, that he said will help free the department of its Cold War-era trappings that no longer support current demands.

Among these initiatives is the effort to rebalance the active and reserve components throughout the services. Secretary Rumsfeld told reporters the global war on terror, with its heavy use of National Guard and Reserve troops, underscores the importance of the effort.

"Our experience thus far in the global war on terror, par-

ticularly in Iraq and Afghanistan, has shown that we have somewhat of a Cold War mix of active and reserve forces remaining," Secretary Rumsfeld said. "And we really do need to adjust it to reflect the circumstances of the day."

Secretary Rumsfeld said proposals being drafted by the services "will set a new balance between active and reserve that will fit the 21st century." Also high on the agenda for 2004, Secretary Rumsfeld said, is implementation of the new National Security Personnel System that took effect with passage of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act.

The new law gives DoD the authority to create a new framework of rules, regulations, and processes that govern the way civilians are hired, paid, promoted and disciplined within the department.

The new system will replace outdated and rigid civil service rules that many said hindered DoD's ability to carry out its national security mission. "Executed properly," Secretary Rumsfeld, said, "the new system ... can play a key role in relieving stress on the force."

On a broader scope, Secretary Rumsfeld said the military will continue its efforts to adjust global posture during 2004. This initiative involves re-examining the United

States' military "footprint" in the world — much of it the result of historic, Cold War threats that no longer exist — and to revise them to meet current demands.

In addition to those at its bases around the world, Air Force General Richard B. Meyers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the U.S. military has thousands of troops on deployments around the world. This includes roughly 125,000 in Iraq, 13,000 in Afghanistan, more than 2,000 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and more than 1,000 participating in Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

Meanwhile, General Myers said, nearly 3,500 service members are conducting stabilization operations in the Balkans, and about 1,500 are performing counterdrug operations and other training in Central and South America.

Secretary Rumsfeld continued to rattle off a virtual laundry list of efforts and initiatives the department will pursue in 2004.

"Going forward," he said, "we will continue to aggressively pursue the global war on terrorism, strengthening joint warfighting capabilities, transforming the joint force, strengthening our intelligence capabilities (and) strengthening our ability to counter the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction."

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Fun & Fitness Day Youth Center (456-3448)

Make a family New Year's resolution to get fit and have fun! Kick it off with the Family Fun and Fitness Day on Sat, 17 Jan from 9 am until noon at the Youth Center. You can participate in a fun run/walk, enjoy educational seminars, and win lots of prizes. Stop by or call the Youth Center to sign-up and start the New Year offright.

Martial Art Classes

Build your family's self-confidence by enrolling in martial arts. Classes are taught at the Youth Center by a 3rd degree Tae Kwon Do black belt and a 2nd degree Iaijutsu black belt. Tae Kwon Do classes are Mon & Wed from 5-6pm for ages 3 and up. Iaijutsu classes are Tue & Thu 5-6pm for ages 5 and up. Study either style for \$45 per month (8 classes). Sign up at the Youth Center today!

Boss & Buddy Day Enlisted Club (456-4467)

Who are you taking to lunch? Boss and Buddy Day is Tues, 13 Jan. at the Enlisted Club. Pay \$6.95 for yourself and half price for your lunch buddy. Enjoy the delicious mega-buffet from 11am to 1pm. Show your club card and pay \$5.95 for your lunch.

All Ranks Sunday Brunch Returns Officers' Club (456-4926)

Come out for Champagne Brunch at the Officers' Club this Sunday from 10:30am-1:30pm. Brunch features a large variety of hot delicious breakfast items and lunch entrees for the whole family. Enjoy made to order omelets and waffles. We also serve champagne, wine, Bloody Mary's, and assorted juices. Adults pay \$10.95, children from 5-11yrs of age pay \$5.95 and children 4yrs of age and under are may eat for free.

Pre-Superbowl Tailgate Party

Hangar II is the site of the giant Pre-Superbowl Tailgate Party on Fri, 30 Jan at 5pm. Enjoy BBQ chicken, hamburgers, potato salad and ice cold beer. There will be cheering competitions, a coin toss, music by Nitelife entertainment and much more. The cost is only \$10, so make your plans now to come out for a good time.

Robert Trent Jones Golf Packages

Gifts & Getaways (456-1866)

Golfers, now is the time to enjoy RTJ golf getaways at spectacular winter rates. Play many of these award winning courses for as little as \$24, including cart rental. Stop by the new Gifts and Getaways in the BX Mall or details.

Bonnie & Clyde Trade Days Trip

Attend this gigantic flea market and craft show without the worry of driving and the hassle of parking. \$10 gets you there and back on Sat, 17 Jan. Reservations are required, so stop by Gifts and Getaways to reserve your spot.

Hours of Operation Bowling Center (456-4133)

Mon	11am-9pm: Snack bar open 11am-9pm: Open bowling
Tue	9am-9pm: Snack bar open 9am-5pm: Open bowling 5pm-9pm: League bowling only
Wed	9am-9pm: Snack bar open 9am-6pm: Open bowling 6pm-9pm: Limited lanes due to leagues in progress
Thu	11am-9pm: Snack bar open 11am-5pm: Open bowling 5-9pm: League bowling only
Fri	11am-1am: Snack bar open 11am-5pm: Open bowling 5pm-11:30pm: League bowling 11:30pm-1am: Open Cosmic Bowling
Sat	9am-1am: Snack bar open 9-12pm: League bowling only 12-10pm: Open bowling 10pm-1am: Open Cosmic Bowling
Sun	Noon-8pm: Snack bar open Noon-4pm: Rent-a-lane for \$20 (unlmted persons to lane) 4-6pm: Open bowling 6-8pm: Rent-a-lane for \$10/hr (unlimited persons to lane)

Lunch on the Run

Stop by the Bowling Center for a big, juicy burger or a healthy salad. Choose from great daily lunch specials: Mon - chicken fried steak, Tues - spaghetti, Wed - BBQ, Thu - taco salad, and Fri - catfish sandwich, all for less than \$5.

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Bingo Mania

at Officers' Club

Start the New Year with

Cash and Prizes in your hands

Wed. 14 Jan

6:30pm

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5:30pm

Bingo Buffet and Early Bird Bingo

Tournament Schedule

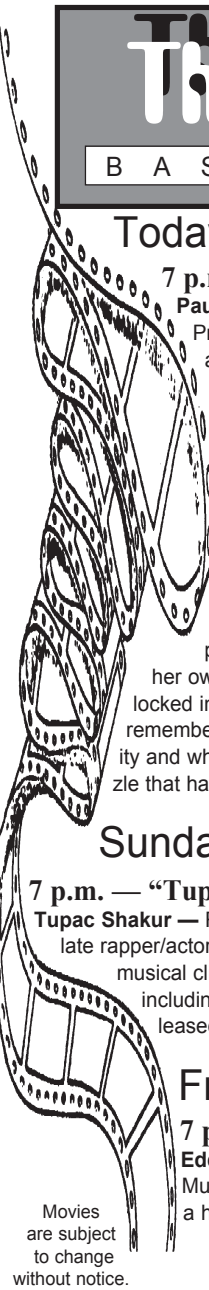
Fox Run Golf Course (456-2263)

Better get to the driving range...it's tournament time! The spring tournament schedule at Fox Run is as follows:
Sat, 31 Jan...Men's Golf Association
Sat, 28 Feb...Terrible Two's Doubles Tournament
Sat-Sun, 13-14 Mar...Men's Golf Association
Wed, 7 Apr...Wednesday Night Scramble begins
Fri, 16 Apr...2d Services Golf Tourney
Sat-Sun, 24-25 Apr...Spring 2-Person Best Ball Tournament
Sign up for these events at the Pro Shop.

Paintball Tomorrow

Outdoor Recreation (456-3426)

Paintball competition will be held tomorrow at the Paintball Range on the East Reservation. The action starts at 11 am and 2 pm. Today is the last day to sign-up, so stop by Equipment Rental. Your \$17 fee covers participation, the rental of your mask and gun, and your first 100 rounds of ammo. Please come dressed in long sleeves and long pants for safety and warmth. This is a very competitive price versus paintball ranges off-base and will be a fun time for all involved.



The Movies

B A S E T H E A T E R

Today

7 p.m. — “Timeline” PG-13
Paul Walker, Frances O’Conner — In France, Professor Johnston, his son Chris and a team of archaeologists participate in a dig on the ruins of a 14th Century castle. After making a strange find, the head of the dig finds himself swept back into time. Johnston’s son and crew do their best to get him back from the past.

Saturday

7 p.m. — “Gothika” R
Halle Berry, Robert Downey, Jr. — Criminal psychologist Miranda hears confessions from a patient and then later has a psychotic episode of her own. When she awakes, the doctor finds herself locked in her own sanitarium for a murder she does not remember committing. Miranda must sort out what is reality and what may be insanity as she tries to solve the puzzle that has landed her in her position.

Sunday

7 p.m. — “Tupac: Resurrection” R
Tupac Shakur — Resurrection is the first authorized Biopic of the late rapper/actor Tupac Shakur. It includes poetry readings, musical clips and video from various moments of his life, including private home videos and previously unreleased concert footage.

Friday, Jan. 16

7 p.m. — “Haunted Mansion” PG
Eddie Murphy, Jennifer Tilly — Disney and Eddie Murphy host a family movie about a family stuck in a house with 999 ghosts.

Admission: Adults \$2.50
Children \$1.25

“What’s Cooking?”

Red River Dining Facility

Items subject to change

TODAY

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers
Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

SATURDAY

Brunch — Ribeye steak, Cajun meatloaf, baked chicken
Supper — Pork chops, fish almonidine, stir-fry chicken

SUNDAY

Brunch — Sauerbraten, tuna and noodles, chicken breasts
Supper — Spinach lasagna, barbecued chicken, fried shrimp

MONDAY

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, knockwurst
Dinner — Baked ham, fish and fries, roast turkey

TUESDAY

Lunch — Yakisoba, Salisbury steak, lemon-baked fish
Dinner — Barbecued beef, pork chop suey, paprika beef

WEDNESDAY

Lunch — Beef porcupines, chicken enchiladas, Caribbean-jerk chicken
Dinner — Country-style steak, pita pizza, fried chicken

THURSDAY

Lunch — Liver, tempura-fried fish, spiced pork chops
Dinner — Pepper steak, ginger pot roast, baked chicken

FRIDAY, Jan. 16

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood Newburg, veal steaks
Dinner — Pot roast, corned beef, pineapple chicken



Community Briefs



2004 Visitor Guides

The Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau’s Visitor’s guide will soon be available. This publication, along with a color map, will promote the area’s attractions and provide information to visitors and newcomers alike. For more information on how to obtain these new publications, call Jennifer Adams at 222-9391.

Mardi Gras Parades

Mardi Gras season has begun once again. The parade and activities schedule is as follows:

Feb. 14, Krewe of Centaur Parade at 4 p.m.

Feb. 15, Krewe of Barkus and Meoux at 1 p.m. at A.C. Steere Park

Feb. 21, Krewe of Gemeni Parade at 4 p.m.

Feb. 24 Texas Street Closing Ceremony at 11:30 p.m.

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456 - 2615



Hap Arnold Grant

The General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1,500 grants to sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 Reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 Reservists performing full-time active duty, retired, retired Reservists with 20-plus qualifying years of service and deceased Air Force members.

Spouses (residing stateside) of active duty and Title 10 AGR/Reservists on extended active duty and surviving spouses of deceased members are also eligible candidates.

Call the Family Support center at 456-8400 or visit www.afas.org for more information.

2004 GI Bill payment rates

The new GI Bill payment rates are now in effect. Full-time students enrolled in an accredited institution can now receive up to \$985 to cover education costs and the “Top-up” is still available for active-duty members if full tuition assistance is not applicable.

Contact the center for more information.



Heir Force

Barksdale’s Latest Arrivals

Born	Name	Parents
Dec. 31	Andrew Joshua	Staff Sgts. Matthew and Laura Domingos 2d Munitions Squadron 2d Medical Operations Squadron
Dec. 30	Johnathon Michael	Staff Sgts. Michael and Deanna Russell 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 2d Communications Squadron
Dec. 19	Hannah Grace	1st Lt. James and Mi Son Hudson 608th Air Communications Squadron
Nov. 21	Camielle	A1C Randy and Yanique Daise 608th Air Communications Squadron
Sept. 24	Payton Leann	Capt. Colin and Sarah Connor 8th Information Warfare Flight

To announce your latest arrival, call the *Observer* at 456-5501/3241 or e-mail observer@barksdale.af.mil

Base Chapel Services

456-2111

Duty Chaplain for
Emergencies: 456-2151



Catholic

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.
Confraternity Christian Doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.
Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

The Coffee Shop, Saturday, Chapel Two Annex, 6 to 11 p.m.
Traditional Communion Service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.
Sunday School, Chapel Two annex, Sunday, 9 a.m.
Contemporary Praise, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Inspirational Gospel Service, Chapel Two, Sunday, Noon

Protestant family night

Chapel Two offers its next “Family Night at the Chapel” activities Wednesday with a free meal for all ages. The dinner is served at 6 p.m.

Bible study

Wednesday Noon Bible Study takes place at Chapel 2 Annex from noon to 1 p.m. The study is “Faith Lessons” series. Lunch is provided.



FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

456-8400



Reservations required for all events.

Moving off-base seminar

This workshop takes place from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday; it is designed to assist members currently living in the dorms with the transition of moving off base and into the local community. Topics will include: How to prepare for apartment living, roommate selection, budgeting, saving, managing and reducing debt. During this 1½-hour workshop, individual budget assessments will be conducted; participants will also receive hands-on, interactive training on debt reduction.

Single parents group

Single Parents meet Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Single Parents are invited to come and share their secrets to successful parenting. A light lunch will be served.

Selling your home for top dollar

Those thinking of selling a home should attend this workshop Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Everyone is invited to come learn what it takes to prepare a home for sale, available resources, marketing and a general understanding of exactly what is involved in selling a home.

Personal and family readiness briefing

Family members may attend this briefing Thursday, as well as Jan. 22 and 29 at 2 p.m. to learn how to prepare for a Deployment/TDY or Remote Assignment. The Family Support Center's Readiness Team can assist in three phases of deployment; pre-deployment, separation and reunion. Spouses may attend. Call the family support center for more information.

FDA issues ephedra alert

BY G.W. POMEROY
AIR FORCE SURGEON GENERAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Following an FDA alert, Air Force Medical Service officials are once again "strongly advising" airmen to contact their physicians or health-care providers before taking dietary supplements containing ma-huang, ephedra or ephedra alkaloids.

Food and Drug Administration officials have issued a consumer alert on the safety of dietary supplements containing ephedra that calls for consumers to immediately stop buying and using ephedra products.

Besides issuing an alert, FDA officials are notifying manufacturers that they intend to publish a final rule stating dietary supplements containing ephedrine alka-loids present an unreasonable risk of ill-ness or injury. The rule would have the ef-fect of banning the sale of these products as soon as it becomes effective, 60 days af-ter publication.

"FDA will publish a final rule as soon as possible that will formalize its conclu-sions that dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids present unreasonable risks to those who take them for any rea-son," said Tommy G. Thompson, health and human services secretary.

"[The action] puts companies on notice of our intentions, and it tells consumers

that the time to stop using ephedra prod-ucts is now," Mr. Thompson said.

"We are taking action today to notify Americans about the unreasonable risk of ephedra as currently marketed in dietary supplements," said Dr. Mark B. McClellan, FDA commissioner. "Our action is based on diligent and thorough work by the agency as required by the challenging legal standard in the dietary supplement law.

"We worked hard to obtain and review all the available evidence about the risks and benefits of ephedra, including its phar-macology, studies of ephedra's safety and effectiveness, adverse event reports, and reviews by independent experts," Dr. McClellan said.

In February, a jury in Austin, Texas, de-termined that ephedra use was at least 50 percent to blame for the death of a 24-year-old Charles Bryant Scurlock II, of Round Rock, Texas. Mr. Scurlock col-lapsed and later died after a two-mile run for an Army National Guard physical fit-ness test in 1999. The jury awarded \$1 million to the plaintiffs.

In September 2002, the Air Force sur-geon general issued a revised policy cover-ing dietary supplements containing ephedra that strongly discouraged the use of such supplements and highlighted asso-ciated risk factors.



Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

Senior Airman
Lemesa George

Hometown: Shreveport

Family: Son Qualyn

Unit: 2d Mission Support Group

Job title: Information Manager

Job description: tracking and reviewing every document that comes to the group for signature or review.

Most rewarding job aspect: Knowing that I

am a key point in the completion process of every decoration, EPR/OPR and correspon-dence that comes through the group.

Goals: To complete my bachelor's degree and, as a bonus, attend OTS.

Hobbies: Reading, traveling and watching movies.

What motivates my winning attitude: My son, because everything I do is done for him.

Favorite TV shows: "CSI" and "Law & Order: SVU"

Favorite movie: "Five Heartbeats"

Favorite meal: Shrimp Alfredo with garlic bread

Favorite book: "Single Mom" by Omar Tyree

My best asset is: My ability to make friends and to talk to people easily.

Best day of my life: The day I had my son.

Pet peeve: People who blame others for all of their problems.

What I like most about Barksdale is: Being home and close to family and friends.

Editor's Note: To nominate a Cajun Warrior, the individ-ual's supervisor should call the Observer office at 456-5501/3241 or e-mail observer@barksdale.af.mil with the nominee's full name, rank and phone number.

Sports Shorts

Fun Run

The sports and fitness center is hosting a Fun Run/walk Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. Start the new year by getting fit and having fun.

Call the sports and fitness center at 456-4135 for more information.

Racquetball

The racquetball season will begin Jan. 19, and a coaches meeting is scheduled for Tuesday. Schedules will be made available by Thursday.

Call the sports and fitness center at 456-4135 for more information.

Circuit training

Circuit training takes place Mondays through Fridays at 11 a.m. in the sports and fitness center’s aerobics room.

Call Byron Hardy at 456-8046 for more information.

Hunting season

The 2003-2004 hunting season dates are scheduled as follows: Rifle Deer hunting is scheduled for Jan. 16-18. Muzzleloader deer hunting is scheduled for Jan. 19-25. Archery deer hunting is on-going through Jan. 31.

Call the natural resources office at 456-3353 for more information.

Paintball

Equipment rental is offering group reservations for the paintball range. The cost is \$15 for each person and includes field fees, mask and gun rental, armband, and 100 paintballs.

Call Marilyn Biren at 456-3426 for more information or to make a reservation.

Sports officials

The new contractor for the sports officials is looking for sports officials and score keepers. The contractor will provide training.

E-mail Rich Harrison at flubs30@hotmail.com for more information.

Game Calendar

Intramural Basketball	Over-30 Basketball
Monday 6:00 p.m. — 2d SVS vs. 2d MG 7:00 p.m. — 2d CS vs. 2d MUNS 8:00 p.m. — 2d OG vs. 2d LRS	Monday 11:00 a.m. — 2d CS vs. 49th TES 12:00 p.m. — 2d MG vs. 2d MXS
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. — 2d MUNS vs. 2d OG 7:00 p.m. — 2d MG vs. 2d OG 8:00 p.m. — 2d MXS vs. 2d SVS	Tuesday 11:00 a.m. — 2d SVS vs. 2d SVS 12:00 p.m. — 2d MXS vs. 8th AF
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. — 8th AF vs. Lady Bombers 7:00 p.m. — 2d CES vs. 2d MXS 8:00 p.m. — 2d AMXS vs. Navy and Marines	Wednesday 11:00 a.m. — 11th BS vs. 2d CS
Thursday 6:00 p.m. — 2d LRS vs. 2d CS 7:00 p.m. — 2d MUNS vs. 2d SVS 8:00 p.m. — 2d MG vs. Lady Bombers	Thursday 11:00 a.m. — 2d AMXS vs. 2d SVS 12:00 p.m. — 49th TES vs. 2d MXS
	Subject to change without notice. Call 456-4135 for updates.

2d OG pushes past 2d MG 64-54, stays unbeaten during the season

BY STAFF SGT. DERRICK BARTLEY
2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 2d Operations Group defeated the 2d Medical Group 64-54 in intramural basketball at the base sports and fitness center Monday night.

Frank Jackson scored 18 of his game-high 22 points in the second

half to lead the defending base champs to victory.

"I had to step my game up a notch, started shooting more and I felt pretty much unstoppable," said Jackson. "I think we'll go all the way this year, the same as last year."

2d OG jumped out to an early lead, with Jerome Parkinson dominating

the first half. After a quick basket by the Medics, Parkinson started things off with a three-pointer and scored 11 points during an 18-0 run to put 2d OG ahead 18-2. But the Medics answered with two jump shots by Kevin Johnson and a layup by Shane Newberry to cut the lead to 18-8. The two teams traded baskets until Johnson nailed a three-pointer and cut the 2d OG lead to single digits, 25-16 with 1:38 remaining in the half. The two teams would again trade baskets going into halftime with the 2d OG ahead 32-23.

Johnson, who had 10 points at halftime, wasn't worried about his team falling behind early.

"We had no doubts about our ability to come back," said Johnson. "We started off sluggish and it took a few minutes to get back into the swing of things after the long holiday break."

Johnson led the way for the Medics to start the second half. He hit three consecutive three-pointers to tie game at 32-32. Johnson said he felt good coming out of halftime.

"Their zone defense wasn't extending out to the shooters at the 3 point line and I had a nice rhythm going," said Johnson.

With the 2d OG ahead 35-34, Jackson took over. Jackson scored 14

points in a row for the 2d OG and helped his team jump out to a 50-41 lead. Keith Garrett hit two three-pointers for the Medics to cut the lead to 54-49 with 3 minutes remaining. But Parkinson sealed the deal with a pair of jumpers with a minute remaining and 2d OG went on to win 64-54.

Parkinson finished with 18 points and Derek Davis added 15 points for 2d OG. With the victory, 2d OG remains undefeated at 9-0. Parkinson thinks his team will play better and eventually repeat as champions.

"I don't think we played as well as we could have. We allowed ourselves to play at the same level as the other team," said Parkinson. "With our confidence, we can go all the way and get our back-to-back trophies."

Johnson had 21 and Newberry added 18 points for the Medics. With the loss, the Medics fall to 5-3. Newberry thinks the 2d OG is a good team, but rust slowed the Medics down.

"We had too many turnovers and too much turkey over the holidays slowing us down," said Newberry. "They have been one of the toughest teams we have faced."

"I don't expect us to call it quits for the season. I think we can beat any team out there," added Newberry.



Staff Sgt. Derrick Bartley/2d BW PA

Derek Davis, 2d Operations Group, shoots over 2d Medical Group defender. Davis's 15 points helped the 2d OG claim the 64-54 victory.



Kevin Johnson, 2d Medical Group, attempts to drive past Jermaine Haney, 2d Operations Group. Johnson led the medics with 21 points.